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NEXT MEETING

Sep. 26, 7 PM
Redwood
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Redwood Road
Salt Lake City, Utah

Rick Wilson
From the Golden Spike
National Historic Site
Will Talk About
Railroad Bridges and Trestles

Promptness Prize -----1946 Walking Liberty Half Dollar

Raffle Prizes:

Three Silver Morgan dollars: 1882, 1882, 1889

Two Half Dimes 1853 & 1856

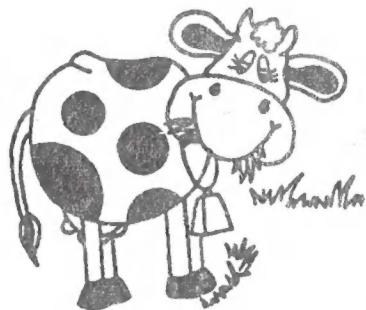
Token: American L&W Co. Salt Lake City, good for 2 ½ cents in trade

Token: Kennilworth Mercantile Co. good for 5 cents in trade

Token: Julies, Grantsville, Utah good for 50 cents in trade

Token: Bert & Chet Labor Card Room good for 5 cents in trade

Grand Prize ----- U.S. 1976 Bicentennial gold coin



President's Message

The NUTS Picnic last month gave everyone a chance to get out and relax and enjoy a meal in the fresh air. A few people were metal detecting in the grass. I don't know if they were finding anything. I believe the kids were finding more coins in the sand of the playground.

Rick Wilson, from the Golden Spike National Historic Site will be our speaker this month. He will have a slide show featuring the bridges and trestles near the Golden Spike site. Please be nice to him. He was reluctant to face our group because of our differing opinions about the legality of metal detecting on public land.

Phil Lavorgna recently attended the AVA convention in Wisconsin and will inform us about what he learned.

Welcome new member Vern Beasley from Salt Lake City.

See you at the meeting.

Karen

Upcoming Events

Railroad Bridges and Trestles Rick Wilson NUTS Meeting Sept. 26

UNS Coin Show, Larry Miller Training Center 9750 S. 300W. S.L.C. Oct. 25, 26, & 27

Lisa Lee Boren The Gold of Carre-Shinob NUTS Meeting Oct. 24

Nuts Meeting Nov. 21 (one week before Thanksgiving)

Sales Tax Tokens

In the 1930's when sales taxes were becoming a popular way for states to collect additional money, the tax per dollar was less than a penny, so it was necessary to give people tokens as change for the tax payment. A "1" on the token means it is worth one-tenth of a cent. A "5" means five-tenths, or one-half of a cent. As the tax slowly increased, and the penny became worth less, the tokens were used less and became truly worthless. They were officially discontinued in Utah in 1951. Tax tokens are so plentiful that they are still virtually worthless, but are fun to find and are a sad lesson about the power of inflation.



Utah One Mill
Aluminum



Utah Five Mill
Aluminum



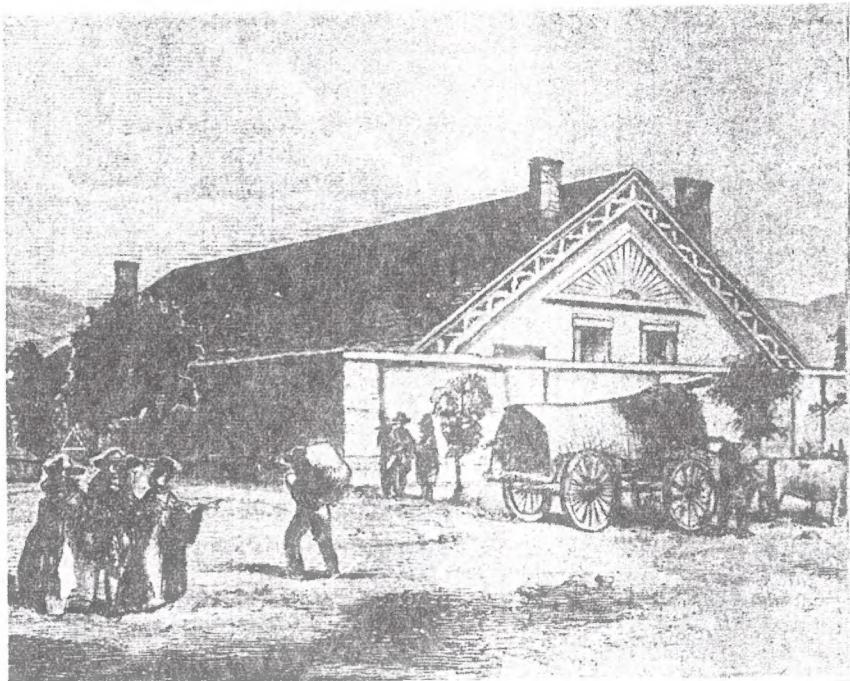
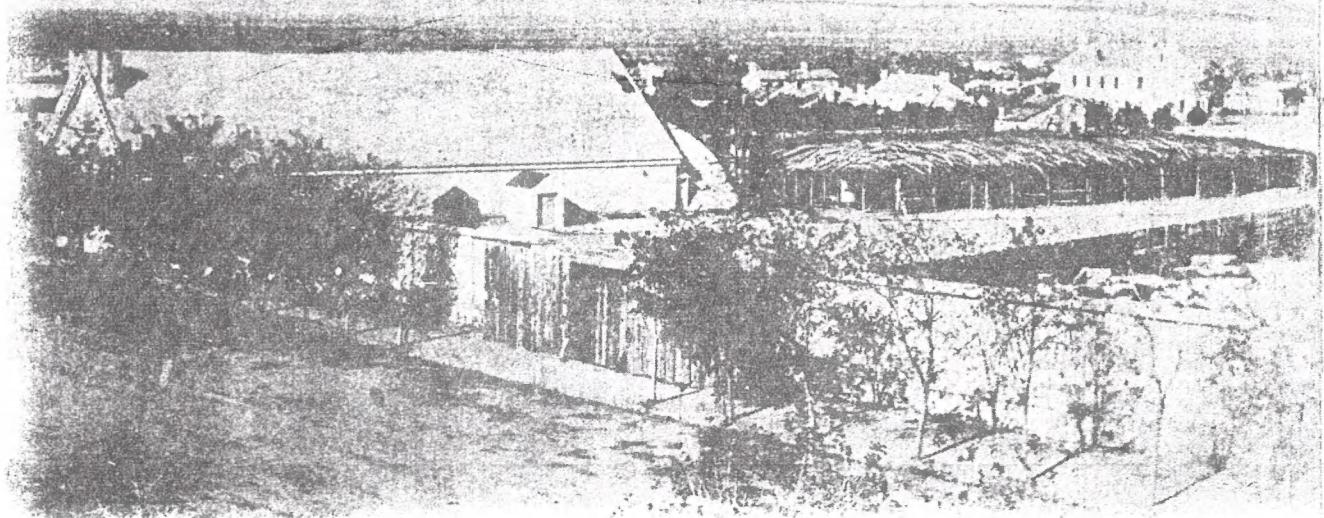
Utah One Mill
Plastic



Kansas Two Mill
White Metal



Arizona Five Mill
Brass



Two Views of the Old Salt Lake Tabernacle

The grounds were enclosed by a solid wall. The bowery was behind the tabernacle. Poles supported logs and branches to provide protection from the sun and from light rain. The bowery was used during good weather for dances, plays and for overflow crowds when the tabernacle was full.

23 Things to Do With Things From the Dump

1. One of the most obvious ways to display small artifacts is in nicknack shelves, curio cabinet or a china cabinet.
2. Some items, such as buckles or padlocks, take naturally to being hung directly on the wall.
3. Some of the new coffee tables have spacious display areas under a glass top, good for an insulator collection or cast iron toys or hood ornaments.
4. Coins, tokens, keys, buttons, or other thin items look good mounted in a picture frame.
5. Rusted buckets, lard pails or other containers can be painted a solid color to match your décor. Then decorate with decoupage or painted designs. Use them for sewing baskets, magazine racks, or set a bowl of fresh flowers in them. For Easter, fill some with eggs.
6. Galvanized buckets or oil cans can be hung on the wall of the garage. You can use them to store garden tools or other hardware.
7. Anything you find at the dumps can make an impressive collection if you have enough of them. For instance, aluminum pop-tops strung together if 6-foot chains with a few beads added here and there, will make a door curtain for your teenager's closet.
8. Brass eyelets from all those high-top leather shoes people used to wear, can be strung together with fishing line to make delightful Christmas tree ornaments,
9. Fill glass jars with an assortment of marbles, keys and tokens, and set them on a shelf.
10. Enameled coffee pots or other containers with the bright blue and white streaks can be placed on the rock or bark mulch of your flower beds. Large pieces of broken ceramic jugs or crocks, junk iron, stove pieces, all look good in a xeroscape landscape plan.
11. Large rifle shells make excellent wind chimes, drill a hole thru the top of each one to attach a string. Old chunks of brass, silverware, large washers, and keys are also good for wind chimes. Suspend the item with a string and tap it with another piece of metal to check the tone. Be aware that the sound will change after the dirt and rust is removed.

- 12.** Tokens and coins can be glued to a tabletop and then covered with a thick epoxy resin. Tables at the Timbermine restaurant in Ogden were done this way.
- 13.** If you are pouring a cement walkway or steps, you can imbed brass, aluminum, heavy glass, ceramic or pottery into the surface. I have a faucet, doorknob, drawer pull, ceramic light fixture and a large brass gear displayed in my front step. Do not use iron or steel. It will rust and discolor your cement. If you are not planning a large cement project, you can make decorated cement stepping stones.
- 14.** Glass marbles can be dropped into your fish tank. Maybe the fish don't appreciate the bright colors, but people do. Bright pieces of broken china, or broken figurines can also be put in the fish tank, but first, sand off any sharp edges.
- 15.** Drill a small hole near the edge of tokens to use them as pendants for a necklace, earrings, or a charm bracelet.
- 16.** Those mother-of-pearl buttons can be sewn to the hem of your kitchen curtains.
- 17.** Take broken china with fancy trademarks, or beautiful small designs to a jewelry maker. The pieces can be cut to size, and mounted into rings, earrings, bracelets, pins, necklaces or belt buckles.
- 18.** Chains can be cleaned and polished and draped across your black leather jacket – Very Macho.
- 19.** Broken china makes a beautiful mosaic countertop. The adhesive and grout and tile cutters can be found at the hardware store.
- 20.** License plates can become the siding for your garage. Start attaching them at the bottom of the wall and move up, overlapping them like shingles.
- 21.** Marbles, broken china and figurines look good placed among your houseplants,
- 22.** Pick up all the bones from a dead animal. Wash them and soak overnight in a bleach solution to kill the smell and germs. Try to assemble and glue the skeleton back together. This will be an anatomy lesson for the kids, or for you.
- 23.** If you can find absolutely no other use for the stuff you brought home, sort it into separate containers of iron, aluminum, brass, copper, lead and glass. When you have a few pounds of each, take them to your local recycling center.

Karen

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